

Mr. Robert Lansing Host at Dinner for Hon. A. J. Balfour

Gen. Pershing Gives Luncheon
at New Raquet Club for
Gen. Diaz.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau,
Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.

The Right Hon. Arthur James Balfour, Lord Lee of Fareham and Lady Lee dined to-night with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lansing, who entertained one of the most interesting companies assembled this week. The party included the British Minister and Princess Lubomirsky, Prince and Princess Cantacuzene, Mr. and Mrs. Henry White, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Dulles, sister of Mr. Lansing.

Mr. Lansing was Secretary of State at the time of Mr. Balfour's visit to Washington with the British War Mission, and the two renewed their friendship during the days of the peace conference in Paris. To-morrow night Mr. Balfour will dine with Mr. Robert Leslie Craigie, secretary of the British Embassy, and Mrs. Craigie, who is an American girl.

Major-Gen. Tanaka, military adviser of the Japanese delegation, gave a dinner to-night at the Shoreham Hotel in honor of Gen. Pershing, and the largest and most important luncheon on to-day's calendar of the one given by Gen. Pershing to Gen. Diaz, Commander in Chief of the Italian armies. Gen. Pershing selected the handsome new Raquet Club for his party and had among his guests some of the foreign military attaches who are serving as advisers at the conference.

COL. AND MRS. DRAKE RETURNING TO PARIS

He Accompanied Marshal
Foch on American Trip.

Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Francis E. Drake and the Misses Cornelia and Eleanor O'Connor are sailing for France on board the Paris next Wednesday. Lieut.-Col. Drake is accompanying Marshal Foch on his American trip as liaison officer and past Commander of Paris Post, American Legion.

The Lieutenant of the French Line will be accompanied by the following among her passengers: Mr. Alfred Binsse, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Calmettes, Mrs. A. A. Fleischmann, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Himmelfarb, Mr. E. W. Osgood, Mr. G. H. Partridge, Mr. George L. Stevens and Mrs. W. P. Williams.

LT.-COM. LANSDOWNE WEBS.

Miss Ross of Washington is Naval Officer's Bride.

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Miss Margaret Soden Kennedy, daughter of Mrs. Arthur Merwin Ross, and Lieutenant-Commander Zachary Lansdowne, U. S. N., were married yesterday in Bethlehem Chapel, Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul, by the Right Rev. Alfred Harding, Bishop of Washington. The bride was attended by Miss Cornelia Vanderbilt, daughter of Mr. George W. Vanderbilt, and the best man was Mr. Gard Knox of New Haven. The ceremony was celebrated in the presence of immediate members of the families.

NEWTON-JOHNSTON.

In the presence of relatives and friends Miss Mary Amerman Johnston, daughter of Mr. Charles Augustus Johnston and the late Mrs. Johnston, was married yesterday in the ballroom of the Gotham to Mr. Samuel Platt Sessions, son of Mr. Samuel Platt Sessions of New York City, by the Rev. Dr. John T. Mackay of the North Presbyterian Church.

The bride was escorted by her father and her little nephew, Franklin Wheeler, who has been both rings. Mrs. Franklin Wheeler Palmer, Jr., sister of the bride, was matron of honor and the other attendants were Mrs. Garrett Mott, Miss Laura Williams and Miss Barbara Taylor.

Mr. Henry P. Williams of Chicago was best man. The ushers were Messrs. Franklin Wheeler Palmer, Jr., George Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lightbly and Henry B. Harvey.

The bride's parents on both sides are descendants of early Knickerbocker families who have made their homes on Manhattan Island since 1835.

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PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

NEW YORK.

Mrs. Laurence Purin of Baltimore is at the Vanderbilt.

Mrs. Frederic Jennings Parsons, who is in Paris, will pass the winter abroad.

Miss J. W. Kennedy of New York is at the Sea Side House.

Mrs. Mabel Gerry will entertain at dinner to-night in her home, 4 East Sixty-first street.

Mrs. Charles Henry Mellon, who visited her mother, Mrs. William Burnham, has returned to Convent, N. J.

Mrs. David King has come from Kingsgate, Newport, R. I., to the Belmont for a stay of several days.

Mrs. Charles Frederick Hoffman and her daughter, Miss Marian K. Hoffman, are in London.

Mr. and Mrs. Ten Eyck Wendell will entertain at dinner to-night in the Colony Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morgan have come from Islip, L. I., to the Hotel Lorraine.

Mr. and Mrs. William Allen Butler, Jr., have taken an apartment at 124 East Seventy-second street.

Mrs. Robert Gardner of 1155 Park avenue gave a small dinner party last Tuesday for Lady Muir-Mackenzie of London.

Prince Miguel de Braganza went yesterday to Tuxedo Park to join the Princess and their children, who are there for the winter.

Miss Walton Oakley of 18 West Forty-eighth street gave a tea yesterday afternoon for her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Walton Livingston Oakley.

Among the passengers who returned from Europe by the Olympic were Mrs. Newbold E. Roy Edgar, Mr. Oliver Harrison, Mrs. Henry Schindler and Miss Margaret Schindler.

The Secretary of War, Mr. John W. Weeks, arrived from Washington last night and in at the Hotel Astor. He will address the fifteenth annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents there to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Kidder will revive an old time custom that has been allowed to lapse in recent years, by giving an afternoon reception on New York street at their home, 6 East Eighty-second street.

Miss Helen Cameron, who will be married to Mr. Reginald B. Lanier in the Huntington Memorial Chapel of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on December 12, will have but one attendant, her cousin, Miss Ethel King.

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EASTON AND DIDUR SING IN 'MEFISTOFEL' AT THE OPERA

Admirable Performance of Boito's Work at Metropolitan With Society Present.

Boito's "Mefistofel" was repeated at the Metropolitan Opera House last evening. There were some changes in the cast, but none in the general character of the performance. At the first representation the spirit who denies was impersonated by Jose Mardones. Last night the burden of the title role rested upon the experienced shoulders of Adamo Didur. But there seemed to be little difference between a Spaniard and a Pole acted a German devil in an Italian opera. "In spite of all temptations to belong to other nations" he remained an Italian opera fiend. Mr. Didur was always a good Mefistofel, and last evening he received abundant applause.

Mme. Florence Easton replaced Mme. Alda as Marguerite. The soprano of the evening is one of the most finished artists in the company, and the music of Boito's heroine lies well within the scope of her beautiful voice and her admirable art. She was in excellent vocal condition and particularly in the recitatives, which she sang with a level of dramatic eloquence.

The role of Helen of Troy previously allotted to Mme. Easton fell last evening to Miss Frances Parlow, a singer well suited in voice and appearance to incarnate the devastating spouse of Menelaus. Miss Parlow as Parolfe, Mme. Easton as Marguerite, and Adamo Didur as Mefistofel, were the principal characters in the performance. Mr. Moranconi conducted.

Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs, Mr. and Mrs. L. Townsend Burden and Mr. and Mrs. L. Roy W. Baldwin were with Mr. James B. Clews in Box 12.

With Mr. and Mrs. J. Stewart Barney in Box 29 were Mr. and Mrs. James W. Gerard, Miss Mary Alice Barney and Mr. W. Rhinelandt Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold McCrea and Mr. and Mrs. Bibby were with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harrah's guests in Box 31 were Miss Mary Jay Schiefel, Miss Katharine Hopkin Post, Messrs. William E. Shepherd, Chauncey Backus and William E. Shepherd, Jr.

Mrs. Louis T. Hoy's guests in Box 32 were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Richardson, Miss Sarah A. M. Brown, Messrs. Shipley Jones, Robert Kerr Richards and Charles E. Sampson.

With Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Pratt in Box 33 were Mr. and Mrs. Marshall J. Dodge and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Osborn.

Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins McIlvaine and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barclay were in Box 30.

MISS PARLOW'S RECITAL.
Violinist Heard at Her Best in Purty of Tone.

Miss Kathleen Parlow, the distinguished violinist, gave a recital yesterday afternoon in Aeolian Hall. Her programme illustrated in a measure the character of her violin all appear to have in making her violin which will gratify their own tastes and those of the public at the same time. The literature of the violin is by no means poverty stricken, but its choice treasures can be appreciated only by a thoroughly musical audience, and most of the works need the cooperation of a pianist who is something more than a mere accompanist.

Miss Parlow had recourse to the endless thrills of Sate set forth by Tardini in his delectable sonata. The habitual concertgoer might have difficulty in hearing this composition. Of one thing he might be reasonably sure, namely, that he had rarely heard it as well performed as it was by Miss Parlow. In this admirable example of classic violin music the artist, whose high rank was long ago settled, was at her best in purity of tone, accuracy of intonation, elastic bowing and correctness of style.

To follow it she selected the A minor concerto of Vieuxtemps, a genuine find of the piece, containing many fine feats of violin technique as possible and precious little real music. But the audience enjoyed her performance.

Her interpretations were generally admirable and her playing was of a high order. To the thirty-two variations, so often made to sound long, tedious and tiresome, she gave new life, dash and sparkle by the intelligence of her phrasing and the variety of her shading. The audience crowded the hall.

GIVES SONG RECITAL.
Mrs. Marie Stapleton-Murray, soprano, gave a song recital yesterday afternoon at Town Hall. She showed that she is a real singer, though her art had marked limitations. Her voice is a frail lyric one except when she forces it, as she did for instance in "The Song of the Lark," where she sang lay far beyond her reach in general interpretation, as did the same matter's "Morgen." Some delicacy, insight and taste brought life to certain songs, and as a whole her audience appeared to enjoy her performance.

C. C. VERMEULE, JR.,
MARRIES WAR NURSE

Miss Catherine Comstock is Bride of Former Captain.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Catherine S. Comstock and Mr. Cornelius Clarkson Vermeule, Jr., last Saturday at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Sayre Comstock, of Comstock place, Haverhill, Mass. The bride was a daughter of the bridegroom, who was a member of the 320th Machine Gun Company, were present, as were his cousins, Capt. Walker White and former Lieut. George White.

The bride, who served as a Red Cross nurse in France, cut the bridal cake with the bridegroom's sword. The Rev. Dr. F. Boyd Edwards of the Hillside Presbyterian Church officiated.

Miss Beatrice Comstock attended her sister and Mr. Warren Carpenter Vermeule was best man. Father Wallace, formerly of the Hillside Presbyterian Church, gave a warm friend of Capt. Vermeule, spoke a few words of congratulation.

Mr. Vermeule is a graduate of Princeton, a member of the Holland Society of New York and of the Army and Navy Club.

WILSON-KING.
Miss Edith King of 70 East Seventy-seventh street, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John M. King of this city, was married yesterday to Mr. Malcolm Sands Wilson, also of 70 East Seventy-seventh street. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few relatives and friends by the Rev. Dr. Ernest M. Stiles, rector of St. Thomas's Church.

The bride had made her home since the death of her parents with her sister, Miss Anna C. King. Mr. Wilson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Wilson of New York. He is a member of the Union Club.

MISS CODMAN ENGAGED.
Mr. and Mrs. Edmund D. Codman of 141 Beacon street, Boston, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Dorothy M. Codman, to Mr. William MacNeill Rodewald, Jr., son of Mr. William MacNeill Rodewald of this city and Tuxedo Park, who now is in England with his daughter, Mrs. Allan D. Perrins.

Miss Codman was graduated from St. Mary's School in Peekskill, N. Y., and is a member of the 1921-22 Sewing Circle of Boston. Mr. Rodewald was graduated from Harvard in 1920 and now is a student at the Harvard Law School. During the war he served the navy. He is the brother of Mrs. G. M. Rodewald of Livingston of this city. No date has been set for the wedding.

MISS MONA CROOK, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Crook of Philadelphia, will be married to Mr. Norman Edwards Pieron of Stamford, Conn., this afternoon in St. James's Church, Madison avenue and Seventy-first street.

Mary Allen, Luescher, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark A. Luescher, was christened yesterday at the Church of the Transfiguration by the Rev. Dr. George C. Houghton. Dr. Houghton is leaving New York to spend some time in the South, and it was at his suggestion that the christening ceremony be performed by himself before his departure.

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CLARENCE TRUESDALE OF KILGUS, Conn., died yesterday in his sixty-ninth year. For many years Mr. Truesdale was prominent in the cotton mill interests in Connecticut. He was a Republican, he was active in the support of the local administration. Mr. Truesdale was a Mason.

OBITUARY NOTES.
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